

The legislation makes some important progress on the timeliness of disclosure, individual contribution limits, and banning soft money from corporations and labor unions, but it does present some legitimate constitutional questions. I continue to believe the best reform is full and timely disclosure of campaign contributions.

Statement on the Proposed “Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002”

March 20, 2002

I commend Chairman Oxley, Housing Subcommittee Chairwoman Roukema, and Congressman Green for introducing H.R. 3995, the “Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002,” and look forward to working with them on the bill in the legislative process. Increasing housing opportunities for all Americans is a high priority for my administration. In particular, I am committed to increasing the opportunities for minority families to become homeowners.

The purchase of a home is a unique commitment that benefits the homeowner and the community and ultimately the Nation. My budget contains proposals designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities. Through their hard work on the “Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002,” Chairman Oxley, Chairwoman Roukema, and Congressman Green have joined in this worthy effort.

Executive Order 13260—Establishing the President’s Homeland Security Advisory Council and Senior Advisory Committees for Homeland Security

March 19, 2002

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. President’s Homeland Security Advisory Council.

(a) *Establishment and Membership.* I hereby establish the President’s Homeland Security

Advisory Council (PHSAC). The PHSAC shall be composed of not more than 21 members appointed by the President. In addition, the Chair and the Vice Chair of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council; the Chairman of the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee; and the Chair of the Panel on the Science and Technology of Combating Terrorism, President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, shall serve as ex officio members of the PHSAC. The appointed members of the PHSAC shall be selected from the private sector, academia, professional service associations, federally funded research and development centers, non-governmental organizations, State and local governments, and other appropriate professions and communities.

(b) *Chair and Vice Chair.* The President shall designate a Chair and Vice Chair from among the appointed members of the PHSAC.

(c) *Senior Advisory Committees.* (i) *Establishment and Membership.* The following four Senior Advisory Committees for Homeland Security (SACs) are hereby established to advise the PHSAC: (1) State and Local Officials; (2) Academia and Policy Research; (3) Private Sector; and (4) Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, and Public Health and Hospitals. Each SAC shall generally be composed of not more than 17 members selected by the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security (Assistant). The President may establish additional SACs as appropriate, consistent with this order.

(ii) *Chairs and Vice Chairs.* The Assistant shall from time to time designate a Chair and Vice Chair for each of the SACs from among the PHSAC’s members.

(iii) *Subcommittees.* The Chair of each SAC, in consultation with the PHSAC, may as appropriate establish subcommittees to advise the SAC.

Sec. 2. Functions. The PHSAC shall meet periodically at the Assistant’s request to:

(a) provide advice to the President through the Assistant on developing and coordinating the implementation of a comprehensive national strategy to secure the United States from terrorist threats or attacks;